

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend paragraph [0001] as follows:

[0001] This application is a continuation of copending Application No. 09/615,691, filed on July 14, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,638, 415, which is a continuation-in-part, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, of copending International Patent Application No. PCT/AU99/00152, filed on March 11, 1999 under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), which was published by the International Bureau in English on September 16, 1999, which designates the U.S. and claims the benefit of Australian Provisional Patent Application No. PP 2388, filed March 12, 1998. Application No. 09/615,691 is also a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/314,251, filed May 18, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,174,420. Application No. 09/314,251 is a continuation of Application No. 08/852,804, filed May 7, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,942,102, and a continuation of Application No. 09/068,828, filed March 15, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,179,979. Application No. 08/852,804 is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. §371 of prior PCT International Application No. PCT/AU/96/00723 which has an International Filing date of November 15, 1996, which designated the United States of America, and which was published by the International Bureau in English on May 22, 1997, and claims the benefit of Australian Provisional Patent Application No. PN 6619, filed November 16, 1995. Application No. 09/068,828 is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. §371 of Prior PCT International Application No. PCT/AU96/00724 which has an International Filing date of November 15, 1996, which designated the United States of America, and which was published by the International Bureau in English on May 22, 1997, and claims the benefit of Australian Provisional Patent Application No. PN 6619, filed November 16, 1995.